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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Mr. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW – Lobby Level
Washington, D.C. 20036

***Re: Notice of Written Ex Parte – CC Docket No. 96-149; CC Docket No. 98-141
Petition of SBC Communications Inc. for Forbearance from the Prohibition of
Sharing Operating, Installation and Maintenance Functions Under Section
53.203(a)(2) of the Commission Rules***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 3, 2004, James C. Smith, Senior Vice President - FCC, and the undersigned, representing SBC, met with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and Daniel Gonzalez, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin, to discuss positions that SBC previously presented in earlier filings in the above referenced proceeding.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Phillips

cc (via electronic mail) :

Kevin J. Martin
Daniel Gonzalez